

## Our Lady of the Lake Pastoral Council

### Minutes January 19, 2022

<u>Council Members</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Father Bill Lucas	Yes
Mary Burns	No
Britton Falkner	Yes
Bernie Funderburg	Yes
Debbie Gossett	Yes
Leslie Hutto	Yes
Cristy McKinney	Yes
Jeff Reach	Yes
Brenda Rochford	Yes
Allen Ross	Yes

The meeting was opened with prayer by Brenda Rochford. Jeff Reach called the meeting to order. November's meeting minutes were read and approved.

#### Building Committee- Fr. Bill

-Bell Tower- There was a meeting with the architect and the contractor on December 13<sup>th</sup> to iron out the details of the project. Jay Benson and Bob Nicholas attended and had many questions. All their concerns were addressed. The architect filled in the specifics of the plan. The contractor is making progress on constructions. There is a delay in the arrival of the bricks. As a result, there may be a period where no work is being done. We have yet to be billed by the contractor for any work completed. Chime Master will need to come out to set the bell ringing.

The Bishop will come to bless the bell tower and hopefully the ground breaking of the columbarium.

-Columbarium- The committee met on December 9<sup>th</sup> to finalize the materials to be distributed in January. Per diocesan guidelines, we have established 2 bank accounts: one for the construction of the columbarium and one for perpetual care. Goodgame will be the contractor.

The weekend of January 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Doug Ross made a presentation at each Mass about the columbarium and how people can purchase space. The following weekend, January 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, we will begin selling rights to use the niches. So far, we have 19 contracts signed. Others took information packets home for review. Deacon Serge will schedule a meeting with our Building Committee and the architect and the contractor. It will take place in February.

**Finance Committee-** Fr. Bill

\$25,260.52 in the Churches operating account

\$615,529.20 in the Churches unrestricted account

\$83,163.68 in the Churches restricted account-Social Concerns funds

\$1,410,782.49 in the Churches building fund which is an interest bearing acct.

-Expenses were low as of the last meeting. Expenditures are low and that is because we have not paid anything for the Bell Tower yet so this will rise.

\$190,526.31-Unrestricted Operating Contributions-Offertory collections

\$668,261.66-Other income/receipts-The sale of the old Rectory and Betty & Yolie's estate

-the next project will be the columbarium and that will come out of the Building Fund to start

**Knights of Columbus-** Bernie Funderburg

-No meeting in December 2021

-March 5<sup>th</sup> Prayer Service @ 10am

-Next meeting January 24<sup>th</sup>

-Will talk about doing Fish Fries during Lent

-Fr. Bill thanked the Knights for cooking the meat for the Parish Christmas Dinner

**Latino Committee-** Cristy McKinney

-No meeting in December

-Easter Basket Project-working on this. Getting baskets from another church in Birmingham and will ask for candy donations from Parishioners a few weeks before the baskets are distributed.

-Our Lady of Guadalupe- was a success

#### Liturgy Committee- Fr. Bill

- Have not met yet
- They will meet next week
- Britton Falkner asked if Fr. Bill could announce again why we say the prayer to St. Michael
- Bernie said he thinks it may be time to retrain on Eucharistic Minister duties

#### Maintenance-Fr. Bill

- The Maintenance Crew helped with setting up and taking down the Christmas décor both inside and outside the church.
- They are working closely with the contractor for the bell tower to make sure the drainage pip is laid correctly. They will be working with the electrician when the system for operating the bell is installed.
- Jerry Kern bush-hogged the field behind the RE building. Bob Nicholas cut up some large tree limbs that had fallen. Karen & Bob Hand continue to clear the parking lot of any debris before the weekend Masses.

#### Religious Ed-Fr. Bill

- Attendance has been down this year. 3 children made First Confession. We will have 4 for First Communion. 5 students will be Confirmed with other students at Sacred Heart in Anniston May 21<sup>st</sup> with the Bishop's permission.

#### New Business

- Leslie Hutto wants to make a fountain to add to the Mary Statue she is having made. Fr. Bill asked if she could draw up the plans and it will be presented to the Building Committee. A budget will need to be established for this part of the project.

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- Crown on Mary has gotten positive feed back. Beautiful!

Next meeting February 16, 2022

Closing Prayer-Fr. Bill